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Trust In Officials Held Best Policy

EDITOR, THE UNION: It appears to me that a large segment of the American citizenry does not sufficiently understand the position of President Kennedy and the CIA as regards the Cuban situation, or for that matter, any situation involving the proximity of war.

We Americans are proud of our country and its ability to act as the guardian for weaker nations. This is because we have acted justly in the past. We are obliged to preserve this image, for we are the West's symbol of justice and freedom. A rash, war-like act, proved later to be for no justifiable cause, would ruin our own self-respect as well as lose the respect of the remainder of the Free World.

To be sure, to avoid such a gross blunder, the CIA, the Defense Department, and the President must fully weigh all of the facts in-

involved in situations such as Cuba presents. The CIA and specialists in the Defense Department are trained for and have the capability of properly investigating such situations. Our citizens, including members of our legislative bodies, are not trained in this capacity. Certainly, the validity of the findings of the investigation cannot be put to a referendum, nor would the public be able to put these findings to good use.

If we, as the electorate, vote as responsible citizens, we must have faith in those we elect. Let us rest assured that qualified men, both civilian and military, putting to use many years of experience, are now being employed by our government to ensure that the United States does not become the aggressor in war.

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